

NCCS Users Council

NCCS USERS MEETING



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What and Who is the Users Council

- **Membership from active NCCS projects ... you!**
- **Officers of User Group elected (yearly) at this meeting**
 - Jerry Bernholc (chair), John Drake, John Blondin, ...
- **Provide forum for exchange of ideas regarding current and future operation and usage policies**
- **Enable strong engagement of research community in setting NCCS priorities**
- **Doug Kothe initiated conference calls**

Agenda

- **Discuss Users Group Charter (now)**
- **Prepare for User Business Meeting (on Wednesday)**
 - Describe operation of User Council
 - Produce statement/action plan
 - Identify meeting schedule
 - Council elections (Nominations please)

The NCCS User Group Charter

Purpose. *The mission of the group is to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas regarding the center's current and future operation and usage policies.*

Membership The NCCS Users Group is composed of researchers who have active accounts on the Leadership Computing Facility compute resources. Requests for memberships by others will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Standing Committees The NCCS Resource Utilization Council (RUC) is the body that considers requests associated with queue structures, prioritization or exceptions to computer policies (for example, reservations of a large fraction of the system). The NCCS Users Group will identify a representative as an ad hoc member of the RUC, presenting interests and feedback of the Users Group on a regular basis (at least quarterly).

Officers The Chairperson is the liaison between the Group and NCCS management. This role includes addressing feedback and comments from users, providing a vehicle to raise concerns to a higher level within the NCCS organization. The Chairperson will also act as the central coordinator between the NCCS Users Group and external entities, such as program representatives, when relating communication regarding issues related to the long-term mission of the center.

The Chairperson will serve for two years, and elections are carried out at the annual users meeting. A Chairperson pro tem will be elected the year prior to the exit of the current Chairperson.

Meetings The NCCS Users Group will meet once a year at Oak Ridge National Laboratory or at a site agreed upon by the Group and NCCS management. The meeting will typically occur 3-4 months after allocations of NCCS resources (e.g. the INCITE awards) are made. Projects are strongly encouraged to send at least one representative to the meeting.

Procedural Rules Amendments to the Charter may be submitted to the NCCS Users Group Chairperson for subsequent consideration at the following annual users meeting.

Charge

- **Exchange ideas regarding the NCCS during this meeting**
 - current and future operation
 - usage policies
 - priorities
- **Help make the NCCS successful**
- **Help the NCCS make your project successful**

User Group Business Meeting

- **Agenda**

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Council Operation

- **Regular con-calls (monthly) with NCCS staff to discuss user concerns**
 - Chairperson is liaison with NCCS management
 - Resource Utilization Council (RUC) liaison
- **Respond to NCCS requests for information**
- **Follow up on Users Group issues**

User Group Officer Elections

- **The following names have been placed in nomination**
 - Stephan Ethier(Fusion-PPPL), Mark Adams (Fusion-Columbia), Forrest Hoffman(Climate-ORNL), Balint Joo (QCD-JLab), John Blondin (tony)(Astro-NCState)
- **Officers (determined by the council?)**
 - Chairperson to serve 2 years
 - Chairperson pro tem elected the year prior to exit of chair (2 year)
 - RUC ad hoc member
 - 2 at large

User Group Statement

- **Favorite things about NCCS**
- **Most annoying things about the system**
- **Improve your productivity the most**